Economic Regulation Authority

Notice

29 July 2026

ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd

Decision to amend gas distribution licence

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved an amendment to gas distribution licence GDL8 held by ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd to remove the obligation to offer connect residential customers to the Albany Gas Distribution System.

On 19 January 2026, ATCO announced the intention to decommission the Albany System, which is within ATCO's gas distribution licence area. The decommissioning of the network is expected to commence in the first half of 2027.

The amendment to the "Offer to connect" requirement in Schedule 1, Clause 3 of GDL8 will allow ATCO to cease offering new residential connections to the Albany System before the planned decommissioning. The obligation continues to apply to ATCO's other licenced networks in Western Australia.

On 23 April 2026, the ERA published the amendment application for public comment. No submissions were received.

The ERA's decision, GDL8 and the licence area maps are available on the ERA's website.

Customers wishing to know more about the decommissioning process in Albany can visit the Energy Policy WA website.

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